

## ROOT TOOK NO OLIVE BRANCH TO ALBANY EDITOR HOTLY LECTURES SENATORS ON FREE PRESS

Conferred With Whitman and Party Leaders, but Denies "Interference."

### NOT OUT FOR PRESIDENT

**Editor.**—March 15.—Elihu Root insisted to-day that he is not interfering with the legislative situation and asserted that as a candidate for President in 1916 he is "impossible." He had conferences with the Governor, the legislative leaders and the Secretary of State but declared that the subject of legislation did not come up.

From what Senator Root said about the work of the constitutional convention it was evident that he had been told the Legislature would adjourn about April 27. The convention will be called in the Assembly Chamber at noon on Tuesday, April 6, will be in session only a day or two, and then will adjourn until the last week in April coming back to the Legislature to complete its work.

Mr. Miller's protest was vigorous. He inveigled against what he described as a "tendency of Governmental investigations to place the newspapers of the country under a sort of duress."

#### What Prompted the Lecture.

This portion of ethics came at the conclusion of a conference between Mr. Root and Senator Walsh, who asked many pointed questions as to news stories and editorial articles in the New York Times on shipping and finally inquired point blank of the editor whether or not the Times had any financial support from Europe.

Chairman Walsh also questioned Mr. Miller in regard to editorial articles in the Times bearing upon railway mail pay and trust purchases as well as on the ship purchase bill.

"Mr. Chairman," said Mr. Miller, "I do not know if it is proper for me to ask a question, but I would like to protest against an attempt on the part of this committee to intimate or insinuate by what I say or by what I do not say that there has been any effort on the part of the New York Times to influence the public to speak out in sharp opposition to my protest against the ship purchase bill. I want to make that as plain and as positive as possible."

The nature of your questions has been such as to intimate or indicate to you that you are trying to shape the physical appearance of the Times in accordance with its editorial policy, in suppressing and minimizing news."

Mr. Miller explained that the Times aimed fairly to reflect the news of the day without bias.

#### Cities the Limit.

"I think," replied, "you have a right to ask me if I have any knowledge of improper influences used for or against the ship purchase bill."

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"Was anything else under discussion?" he was asked.

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"What is the procedure in starting the convention?" he was asked.

"There will be a session for a day or two to organize the convention. The customary method is then to adjourn for a time to make up committees and prepare the counts other preliminary matters to be taken. The adjournment will be for a week or two weeks. That is to be determined when we meet April 16."

"Do you care to say anything about legislative matters here?"

"I do not know anything about legislative matters."

Following the conference Gov. Whitman and Senator Root moved to the Executive Mansion for luncheon and to continue their conference.

Elihu Root arrived here from Albany with Mrs. Root at 1 o'clock last night and left the train at the 125th street station. He went directly to his home at Fifth avenue and Eighty-first street. He sent word to the newspaper men that he had nothing to add to what he had already said in Albany.

**AGREE ON COMPENSATION LAW.**

**Republicans in Caucus Draft Direct Award Amendment.**

**ALBANY,** March 16 (Tuesday), 2 A. M.—The Republican Assemblymen caucus until 1:45 o'clock this morning approved an amendment to the workmen's compensation law permitting direct settlements of claims for compensation, which they believe safeguards employees, and the Assembly conference committee will submit the same to the Senate conference committee to-morrow.

It is believed that an agreement will be reached and that the amendment, with the \$125,000 appropriation, will go through the Legislature this week, notwithstanding the fact that there had not a day since the middle of January.

Under the proposed amendment the employee and employer are to agree on a statement of facts, and submit this statement to the compensation commission for approval, settling out casualty companies from participating in reaching the agreement.

**STEGLER A FEDERAL WITNESS.**

**He Is Expected to Testify Against Others in Passport Trial.**

Richard Peter Steglar is expected to turn Government witness against his co-defendants, Gustave Cook and Richard Madden, when the trio are placed on trial before Justice Chapman in the United States District Court, in an order this morning on a charge of conspiring to obtain a passport by which Steglar might go to England as an American citizen and act as a spy for the German Government. Steglar has said that he was urged to this course by Capt. Boyd, the U. S. naval attaché to London.

Steglar will be represented by Charles P. Griffiths, a former Assistant United States Attorney.

The evidence will tend to show that Steglar induced Cook to get him an American citizen who would allow his name to be used on an application for a passport. Madden, who gave Steglar permission to use his name and Steglar immediately after his arrest made a full statement to Assistant United States Attorney Wood.

**BUENZ PLEADS NOT GUILTY.**

**Director of Hamburg-American Line Released on \$5,000 Bail.**

Carlo Buenz, director of the Hamburg-American Line, was released on \$5,000 bail before Judge Edward D. Casperian of the United States District Court yesterday to two indictments charging him with participating in a conspiracy to violate the customs laws in obtaining clearance papers for vessels sent out by the Hamburg-American Line to coal and provisions.

He was represented by Attorney William H. Band and held in \$5,000 bail until next Monday, when he will be expected to enter his permanent plea.

**CHURCH GETS SECRET HOARD.**

**Catholic Institutions Help of Woman Thought Penniless.**

Johanna Fitzgerald, who died three weeks ago at 35 Henry street and was thought to have left nothing until bank books were found showing deposits of \$1,000,000, bequeathed the bulk of her property to Roman Catholic institutions.

The sum will give \$1,000 each to the church of St. Teresa, St. Rose's Hospital for Cancer and St. Michael's Hospital of Newark, and \$4,000 to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

The Rev. Father James T. MacEntee of St. Teresa's Church, who is executor, filed a suit.

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#### GUIDE FOR COTTON SHIPPERS.

British Embassy Issues an Explanatory Statement.

**RICH GERMANS GO ABROAD.**

Respond to Government Appeal to Save Food Supply.

**COPENHAGEN,** March 15.—The British Embassy received information to-day as to the construction to be given to the statement issued March 8 in regard to the shipment of cotton to neutral countries.

The date of shipment is construed as being the date on which the ship left the port where the cotton was first put on board destined to neutral countries in cases where the contracts for sale and freight engagement for four months had been made to New York. This applies to cases where the cotton is placed on board at one port and transhipped to another, the first port governing the date.

Article 2 applies to insurance placed before March 2 on cotton shipped to a neutral destination for neutral sale on delivery, provided it was loaded before March 16 and that the ship sailed before March 31.

The term "contract price" means the price at which the cotton was sold at the point of destination, the contract of sale value to control.

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## \$33,000,000 ASKED TO RUN THE STATE FAMILY DECIMATED BY SCARLET FEVER SAYS HE CAN PROVE GERMAN ATROCITIES

Appropriation Bill Introduced Calls for \$1,000,000 More Than Last Year.

### NO AQUEDUCT TAX CUT ELDERLY WOMAN ESCAPES

**ALBANY,** March 15.—The annual appropriation bill, introduced to-night by Chairman McDonald of the Assembly Ways Committee, calls for expenditures of about \$100,000 less than \$33,000,000. This represents a cut of about \$3,500,000 from the requests of the various department heads and is \$1,000,000 more than the bill introduced last year. It is expected that the Senate will make still further cuts.

"I think they tend to repress freedom of information and to put newspapers under a sort of discipline and for that reason I cannot feel that I ought to leave this room without in the most courteous manner entreating my most vigorous protest against such a procedure."

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